

Somerville, N.J.
November 5, 1926

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PFEIFFER

Yesterday, November 4th, a woman came to our office, 120 Broadway, and, after asking for Mr. Plazer, was seen by Mr. Heenehan, who then reported to me that she had come to talk about some evidence given Wednesday by the Dicksons in the Hall-Mills case. Heenehan said she would not give her name and would not talk to him, but was willing to talk to me, so I let her in my office. Miss Wyatte was present during the conversation.

After considerable reluctance the woman gave her name as Mrs. Murray, 475 Van Buren Street, Brooklyn. She said she had been to see Mr. Palzer previously and told him about the Dicksons. She is a middle aged woman, somewhat lame and of a respectable appearance.

Mrs. Murray stated that, on reading in the newspapers on Thursday morning of the testimony given by the Dicksons on Wednesday, she immediately called the attention of her husband to the fact that it differed in what she thought an important point from the story as told by them to her and her husband when the latter were present at the Dickson home in North Plainfield last month. She said her husband agreed with her. The difference in question consisted simply in one statement. Mrs. Murray stated that, when the Dicksons had talked about the case previously, they had told the same story told on the stand, with the exception that they had not then said that the man identified as Willie Stevens had said anything about being left at the Parker Home by his sister. On the other hand, Mrs. Murray stated that the Dicksons at that time remarked that it was the supposition of the prosecution that Willie had been dropped somewhere by Mrs. Hall, but the Dicksons did not say that Willie had said anything upon that subject whatever.

Mrs. Murray states that her husband is equally as positive as herself about the Dicksons remark that the dropping of Willie by Mrs. Hall was simply the supposition of the prosecution. At one time in her story Mrs. Murray said that this was the supposition of Senator Simpson, but I am not confident that she meant that the Dicksons got it from Senator Simpson personally, or even that the Dicksons will say that it was Senator Simpson's personal supposition as distinguished from the supposition of the prosecution.

Mrs. Murray further stated that both she and her husband are entirely willing to come to Somerville to testify for the defense, if their testimony will be of any service, but would prefer to be left alone unless really needed. Mrs. Murray also indicated that it was essential that her husband be not notified of her visit at our office on November 4th and, therefore, if anyone goes to see them, this point should not be mentioned.

R. McC. Marsh